

# The VIA Classification of Character Strengths and Virtues

## VIRTUE OF *Wisdom*



### CREATIVITY

Original & Adaptive,  
Clever, A problem  
solver, Sees and does  
things in different ways



### CURIOSITY

Interested,  
Explores new things,  
Open to new ideas



### JUDGMENT

A critical thinker,  
Thinks things through,  
Open minded



### LOVE OF LEARNING

Masters new skills &  
topics, Systematically  
adds to knowledge



### PERSPECTIVE

Wise, Provides wise  
counsel, Takes the big  
picture view

## VIRTUE OF *Courage*



### BRAVERY

Shows valor, Doesn't shrink  
from fear, Speaks up for  
what's right



### PERSEVERANCE

Persistent,  
Industrious,  
Finishes what one starts



### HONESTY

Authentic,  
Trustworthy,  
Sincere



### ZEST

Enthusiastic, Energetic,  
Doesn't do things  
half-heartedly

## VIRTUE OF *Humanity*



### LOVE

Warm and genuine,  
Values close relationships



### KINDNESS

Generous, Nurturing,  
Caring, Compassionate,  
Altruistic



### SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE

Aware of the motives and  
feelings of others, Knows what  
makes others tick

## VIRTUE OF *Justice*



### TEAMWORK

Team player,  
Socially responsible,  
Loyal



### FAIRNESS

Just, Doesn't let feelings bias  
decisions about others



### LEADERSHIP

Organizes group activities,  
Encourages a group to get  
things done

## VIRTUE OF *Temperance*



### FORGIVENESS

Merciful, Accepts others'  
shortcomings, Gives people  
a second chance



### HUMILITY

Modest, Lets one's  
accomplishments speak  
for themselves



### PRUDENCE

Careful, Cautious,  
Doesn't take undue risk



### SELF-REGULATION

Self-controlled,  
Manages impulses  
and emotions

## VIRTUE OF *Transcendence*



### APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY & EXCELLENCE

Feels awe & wonder in  
beauty, Inspired by  
goodness of others



### GRATITUDE

Thankful for the good,  
Expresses thanks,  
Feels blessed



### HOPE

Optimistic,  
Future-minded



### HUMOR

Playful,  
Brings smiles to others,  
Lighthearted



### SPIRITUALITY

Searches for meaning,  
Feels a sense of  
purpose, Senses a  
relationship with the  
sacred